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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INCREASING CASES OF DYSLEXIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rapid increase in the number of cases of learning disorder dyslexia in children has been registered in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details of the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to fight this disease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Government to check this disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) There is no epidemiological data on the prevalence of dyslexia in the country. There is no available data to suggest that dyslexia is registering rapid increase in the country.

(c) to (e) Remediation and Accommodation are the major management strategies in the fight against dyslexia. The remedial efforts for dyslexia need to focus on phonological awareness training which can improve reading decoding skills.

The Rehabilitation Council of India under M/o Social Justice & Empowerment recognizes courses that train special educators. The NCERT and the CBSE, ICSE and some state boards give exemptions in languages and certain subjects to assist these children. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme also has, as its aims, attention to these children in regular schools.